

WHAT IS CLAIMED:

1. A method for retrieving information about television programs, said method comprising the steps of:

connecting to a website including information about a television program being

5 watched;

downloading the information from the website;

processing the information; and

displaying the information along with the television program being watched.

10 2. The method of claim 1, where the information about the television program is selected from the group consisting of textual information, audio information, video information and applications.

15 3. The method of claim 1, where the information about the television program is selected from the group consisting of a particular item in the program, a particular event, a character's role in the program, a history of the program, a summary of other episodes of the program, individual summaries of other episodes and similar events in other episodes.

20 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the connecting to the website includes using a mechanism selecting from the group consisting of a tag from an electronic program guide that corresponds to the television program being watched, a search engine and a

predetermined address of a website.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein downloading the information from the website includes:

5 extracting the information from the website; and
transmitting the information over a network.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein downloading the information from the website includes:

10 identifying information about events in other episodes similar to an event in the
television program being watched;
extracting the information about events in other episodes from the website; and
transmitting the information about events in other episodes over a network.

15 7. The method of claim 1, wherein processing the information includes combining
summaries of other episodes.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein processing the information includes combining
video clips of events in other episodes similar to an event in the television program being
20 watched.

9. A method for retrieving information about television programs, said method comprising the steps of:

connecting to a website including information about a television program being watched;

5 downloading the information from the website;
processing the information; and,
storing the information for later playback.

10. A video processing system, comprising:

10 means for connecting to a website including information about a television program being watched;

means for downloading the information from the website;

means for processing the information; and,

means for displaying the information along with the television program being watched.

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11. The system of claim 10, wherein processing the information includes combining summaries of other episodes.

12. The system of claim 10, wherein processing the information includes

20 combining video clips of events in other episodes similar to an event in the television program being watched.

13. The system of claim 10, where the information about the television program is selected from the group consisting of textual and video information.

14. The system of claim 10, where the information about the television program is selected from the group consisting of a history of the program, a summary of other episodes of the program, individual summaries of other episodes and similar events in other episodes.

15. The system of claim 10, wherein the means to connect to the website uses a mechanism selecting from the group consisting of a tag from an electronic program guide that corresponds to the television program being watched, a search engine and a predetermined address of a website.

16. The system of claim 10, wherein the means for downloading the information from the website includes:

means for extracting the information from the website; and

means for transmitting the information over a network.

17. The system of claim 10, wherein the means for downloading the information from the website includes:

means for identifying information about events in other episodes similar to an event in the television program being watched;

5 means for extracting the information about events in other episodes from the website; and

means for transmitting the information about events in other episodes over a network.

18. The system of claim 10, wherein processing the information includes
10 combining summaries of other episodes.

19. The system of claim 10, wherein processing the information includes combining video clips of events in other episodes similar to an event in the television program being watched.

20. A video processing system, comprising:
means for connecting to a website including information about a television program being watched;

means for downloading the information from the website;

20 means for processing the information;

means for storing the information for later playback.